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From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: Prescribed Fire On-the-Job Training Program

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The prescribed fire on-the-job training program provides opportunities for experience in prescribed fire positions to BLM employees who may find it difficult to become qualified for certain positions due to lack of opportunities at the home unit. Coordination takes place between the BLM Training Unit, State Office fire/fuels staff and Field Office fire/fuels staff to facilitate opportunities in various positions, locations and fuel types.

The purpose of this letter is to request prescribed fire trainee candidates by position from each state. Trainees must meet the training and qualifications requirements for the position and have a Position Task Book initiated.

Prescribed fire assignments will be made based on the trainee's needs. Considerations include: fuel type, complexity, assignment length, timeframes, etc. National Office funding is available to cover overtime and travel when the prescribed fire project is unable to do so. Trainees are expected to cover their own base hours.

Please send the requested information to Aitor Bidaburu (208-387-5334) in the BLM Training Unit (FA331) at NIFC by November 1, 2002.

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